

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN

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To an Address of the House of Commons, dated the 12th December, 1907, for a copy of all correspondence between the government of Canada and the Imperial authorities, and a copy of all correspondence between the government of Canada and any person or persons and of all reports communicated to the government in respect to the Anglo-Japanese convention regarding Canada.

R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

Earl Grey to the Earl of Elgin.

OTTAWA, October 13, 1907.

It has been decided by His Majesty's Canadian government to send to Japan, by steamer leaving Vancouver on the 28th instant, the Honourable Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster General and Minister of Labour, to discuss the situation in British Columbia with Sir Claude MacDonald and the Japanese government, with the object of preventing the recurrence of events whereby the happy relations which have existed under the treaty between His Majesty's subjects in Canada and elsewhere and those of the Emperor of Japan might be disturbed. Will you forward me credentials to show that the approval and support of the Crown are given to Mr. Lemieux's mission? He will be accompanied by Mr. Pope.

GREY.

Lord Elgin to Lord Grey.

LONDON, October 17, 1907.

Referring to your telegram of 13th October, as time does not permit of sending you formal letter of introduction for Mr. Lemieux, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs proposes to send following telegram to His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokio, begins:

Canadian government, with approval of His Majesty's government, has decided to send the Honourable R. Lemieux, Postmaster General and Minister of Labour, to Japan by steamer leaving Vancouver 28th October to discuss question of British Columbia with Your Excellency and Japanese government, with object of preventing recurrence of such events as might disturb friendly relations between His Majesty's subjects in Canada and elsewhere and those of Japan.

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Inform Japanese government and present Mr. Lemieux, who will be accompanied by Mr. Joseph Pope, Under Secretary of State, to the proper authorities on arrival, and assist them in every way. Ends:

Telegraph whether you concur in proposed action.

ELGIN.

From Lord Grey to Lord Elgin.

OTTAWA, October 22, 1907.

In answer to your telegram of 17th October, Japanese mission, Dominion government concur in action proposed.

GREY.